

# **BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES**

**December 17, 2014**

**Service Center Conference Room  
1100 S. Sherman Street  
Longmont, CO 80501**

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The December 17, 2014 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Chairman Yale at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center Longmont Power & Communications Central Conference Room.

## **1. ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Rich Yale, Suo Liu, Aaron Priebe, Jon Raabe

Board members excused: Doug Ward

Board members absent: Donna Ciccarelli

City Council Liaison: Polly Christensen

City Staff Members Present: Cal Youngberg and Cindy Sater

## **2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There was a quorum with four Board members present.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2014**

Chairman Yale asked for a motion to approve or for corrections to be made to the November 19, 2014 minutes. Chairman Yale asked for additions to the minutes related to making code revisions and recommendations. The recording secretary will review the recorded minutes and amend the November 19, 2014 minutes.

**There was a motion by Board member Priebe for the November 19, 2014 minutes to be amended and brought back for Board approval at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Board member Liu. Motion passed 4-0.**

**4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

Public in Attendance: David Fridlund, Lise Hildebrandt, Joe Parker, and Lea Yancey

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

Staff member Cal Youngberg asked to add the discussion of election of officers to the Board.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Sustainability Review of Proposed Curbside Composting Project**

Staff member, Cal Youngberg led the Board through a sustainability evaluation of the proposed curbside compostable collection program using the new Sustainability Evaluation System (SES) tool that has been developed by staff with the assistance of a consultant. Cal explained that sustainability systems from other cities and organizations were reviewed and portions incorporated into the SES, but that it is tailored to the needs of Longmont's Public Works and Natural Resources department. Economic factors are included in the SES through the use of a life cycle asset assessment method that was developed by the Water Environment Research Foundation. Cal explained some of the economic factors which were relevant to making a decision on the curbside composting project in Longmont, but noted that capital and operating costs have not been finalized because there are still questions about types of equipment, frequency of pickup, number of employees, etc. The Board completed an overall ranking of a curbside composting program using the non-economic criteria in the SES. The cost portion of the evaluation will be completed when staff completes its assessment of actual capital and operating costs. Staff will then complete an evaluation using the SES tool. The results of the SES evaluation, including the Board's evaluation of non-economic factors, will be part of the information presented to Council when they consider the curbside program in February, 2015.

Cal also noted that the St. Vrain Channel flood recovery project will include a review of the many related City-wide plans for the creek corridor and sustainability criteria may be used to help resolve any conflicts between the plans.

**B. Board of Environmental Affairs Work Plan for 2015**

Work plan topics for the Board of Environmental Affairs were discussed and projected for 2015.

- Discuss development of solar gardens/energy cooperatives with LPC (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)

- Presentation from private firm on solar energy (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)
- Discuss potential future of community gardening with Planning and Development Department (2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr)
- Review of International Energy codes with incorporation of adoption into Longmont building codes (3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr)

Board member Liu left at 5:07 p.m.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business items were brought before the board at this time.

## **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff member, Cal Youngberg, informed the Board that staff neglected to remind BEA members to hold an election of officers during 2014 due to infrequent meetings and the delay in the appointment of a new board member.

**A motion was made by Board member Raabe to extend the election for positions on the Board of Environmental Affairs to the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Board member Priebe. Motion passed 4-0.**

## **9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

Board member Priebe asked about the City's involvement with community gardens. Cal explained that several years ago City Council directed Public Works staff to assist with construction of a community garden on a City property at 11<sup>th</sup> and Baker St. However, ongoing support of community gardens is not part of the core services of the Public Works department and management of the garden was turned over to Growing Gardens of Boulder ([www.growinggardens.org](http://www.growinggardens.org)). Boulder County maintains additional community gardens within Longmont. Additional ideas on community gardens were discussed.

## **10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilperson Christensen informed the Board that a new member of the Board of Environmental Affairs was appointed at the most recent City Council meeting and will begin their term in January 2015.

Council is interested in the Board of Environmental Affairs becoming a more vital board in the coming year and to recommend topics that can be of benefit the community.

**11. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to be brought before the Board of Environmental Affairs.

**Board member Raabe moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Priebe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Yale at 5:18 p.m.**

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

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**Rich Yale, Chairman**

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**Date**

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**Cindy Sater, Recording Secretary**

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